



"Les noces de Canaa" by Corinne Vonaesch

First Baptist Church
Greensboro, North Carolina
gathers for
The Worship of God

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2025

Steeple Bells 10:30 a.m.

Prelude Susan Welch *piano*
“He Leadeth Me” Arranged by Crystal D. Clay

Lighting of the Christ Candle Teresa Kayombo

Opening the Bible Evie Crandall

Gathering Rev. Alan Sherouse
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

†Call to Worship Rev. Seth Hix

Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great –
God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.
Let us worship God today, for God is good –
God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.
Let us worship God today –
Because we are God’s people.
Let us worship God.

†Hymn 62

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

†Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Song of Praise Sanctuary Choir

"It Is Good to Praise the Lord"

Words by Mary Kay Beal, based on Psalm 92; Music by John Carter

It is good to praise the Lord, to make music in His name,

to proclaim Him night and morning with a melody of love.

He fills our hearts with gladness, we sing with joy and wonder;

His works are great and glorious and worthy to be praised.

It is good to praise the Lord, to make music in His name,

Lifting hearts and hands and voices with a melody of love.

We flourish in His presence, We grow and bloom before Him;

He is our Rock of Ages, our joy, our strength, our song.

Life of the Community Rev. Chris Cherry

Time for Children Rev. Amy Starr Russell

*Children (first grade and younger) may attend Junior Church
and will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response.*

†Hymn 498

"I Love to Tell the Story" HANKEY

Prayers of God's People Rev. Courtney Willis

Scripture Lesson James Dolph

John 2:1-11

Sermon Rev. Sherouse

†Hymn of Response 568

"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" HENDON

*If you would like to become a member of this congregation,
you are invited to speak to a pastor at this time.*

Stewardship Prayer Erin Robertson *deacon*

Choral Offering Sanctuary Choir

"Prayer of St. Francis" Words by St. Francis of Assisi; Music by Allen Pote

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, thy pardon, Lord. Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there's despair let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, let there be light, Where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console.

To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Amen.

†Benediction Rev. Sherouse

†Postlude Susan Welch *organ*

"O God Our Help in Ages Past" Arranged by Paul Manz

The rose bud on the communion table celebrates the birth of Robert Theodore Godfrey.

Robert was born on December 30, 2024 in Columbia, SC
and is the son of church member Rob Godfrey and his wife, Jamie.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENSBORO

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

January 19, 2025

PARENT SOCIAL | Friday, January 24 at 6:30 pm

Parents of children and youth are invited to the first Parent Social of the year on Friday, January 24 at 6:30 pm! Join other parents at the Kesler home for an Oyster Roast. This will be a wonderful evening of fellowship and getting to know other parents. Any questions? Reach out to Amy Starr Russell or Chris Cherry.

CELEBRATING BUCK COCHRAN | Sunday, January 26 after worship

Join us next Sunday, January 26 after worship for a reception honoring the ministry of Rev. Buck Cochran. Buck retired as our Associate Pastor of Missions & Community Ministry at the end of 2024. We are grateful for his ministry as one of our pastors, and excited that he and Cathy remain a part of the life and ministry of our church as members.

MEAL PACKING EVENT | Sunday, January 26 from 3 - 5 pm

We will be joining with our friends from Rise Against Hunger once again on Sunday, January 26 to package meals for people facing hunger around the globe. It will be a fun event that will make a difference in peoples' lives. This event is for all ages! Let us know you are coming by signing the wavier at: fbcgso.org/rise-against-hunger



FEBRUARY LUNCH & LEARN | February 3, 2025 at Noon

The February topic is Civil Rights and the Greensboro connection, with a panel of speakers from our area. All are welcome! Sign up now to reserve your lunch for \$10/person with Keighley Johnson (keighley@fbcgso.org) in the church office by January 30.

WINTER EMERGENCY SHELTER NEEDS

A new need has arisen with our Winter Shelter. We need volunteers to help launder blankets, bed padding, and towels for our guests. You can sign up for the number of bags you can take, wash, and return to the church that same evening. You can pick up the bags on Sunday morning anytime after 7:15, and we need them returned between 6 and 6:30 that Sunday evening to be used again for the following week. If you can help with this need, sign up at fbcgso.org/shelter or QR code.



MIDWEEK | Wednesdays starting at 5:30 pm

Midweek has returned and there are activities for all ages! We have two new adult offerings:

Enneagram 2.0 More about Your Number | This class is for those who already know their enneagram number, but want to dive deeper into what it tells you about yourself and how you engage with others. Led by enneagram teacher and local counselor, Laura Berney, this seven-week class will be a great way to learn more about who God has made you to be.

Epiphany Bible Study | Come to this four-week class led by pastors and guest teachers. Learn more about Epiphany and how and why we celebrate it in the Christian church.

This week's meal is Breakfast for Dinner! Please note that during our database transfer, you will not be able to register online. Contact Keighley Johnson (keighley@fbcgso.org) directly to sign-up.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS | Second Wednesday of each month

If you or someone you know is a caregiver to a family member, our Caregiver Support Group has resumed meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 11 am in Room 205. This group is for anyone who would like to attend so we encourage you to invite friends or relatives that might benefit from it. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Linda Danford (lindadanford03@gmail.com)

YWCA DINNERS | 3rd Monday of each month

We are in need of some volunteers to help provide a meal to feed 20 people to one of our Mission Partners, the YWCA. This would be a great thing for a Sunday school class or a couple of families to do together! If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Cookie Hamilton (cookie8061@aol.com)

PASTORAL STAFF

CHRIS CHERRY, YOUTH & FAMILIES
SETH HIX, MUSIC (INTERIM)
ALAN SHEROUSE, SENIOR PASTOR

AMY STARR RUSSELL, CHILDREN & FAMILIES
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NEW DATABASE

Good news! We are able to send out email invites to our new church app, Realm, this past week. Please look for that email in your inbox. If you do not see it, please check your spam or junk folders. It will come from "First Baptist Church Greensboro". If you still do not see an invite to Realm in your inbox, please contact the church office. You can watch a video to help with the first steps of the process of creating an account at fbcgso.org/new-church-app or scan the QR code. There will be more training in person and available on-line in the coming days and weeks.

If you have any financial questions during this time, you can contact Sara Manchester (sara@fbcgso.org). Please note that scheduled recurring payments would be processed as normal. For any current ACS Realm questions, please contact Keighley Johnson. Thank you for your patience as we learn this new system together!



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